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Save the Date

Garden Design Series: From Concept to Finish

Garden Design Basics
Saturday, June 1

Efficient Irrigation
Saturday, June 8

Putting It All Together
Saturday, June 22

9 a.m. – noon

South Coast Research
and Extension Center
7601 Irvine Blvd., Irvine

This three-part workshop series—presented by IRWD and the University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources—is open to the public. Each class builds on the preceding one to provide a deeper understanding of sustainable garden design.

The series is limited to 24 participants. Participants must attend all three workshops. Register at RightScapeNow.com/events.

Office Closure

Memorial Day
Monday, May 27

Recycled Water 101: Keeping Green



Drought-proof beauty

Purple pipe distinguishes IRWD's recycled water system, but the concept behind it all is *green*.

- Recycling provides an environmentally sustainable and drought-proof source of water for landscape irrigation, agriculture and business—treating and reusing a precious resource.
- Recycled water keeps our urban landscape lush throughout the year.
- And it saves on irrigation costs for homeowners associations, parks, medians, schools and golf courses.

In short, recycled water is what distinguishes our neighborhoods from others that depend on costly imported drinking water to irrigate public parkways and common areas.

Since 1963, Irvine Ranch Water District has been implementing a vision to integrate recycled water into the design of our community. Today, more than 80% of all public and commercial landscape areas in the District are irrigated with recycled water.

More than just sprinklers

Besides landscaping, IRWD promotes many other commercial uses for recycled water to reduce demand on our drinking water sources. It is used in cooling towers, for toilet-flushing in commercial buildings, and for industrial applications such as concrete production and composting.

Every gallon of recycled water used for these purposes saves a gallon of drinking water. It's all about the right water for the right use.

Join Us! Learn More

Come to IRWD's first-ever **Recycled Water 101** community workshop to learn how we produce and distribute high-quality, drought-proof recycled water to keep our common areas green. Meet our experts and ask questions at this free event.

Thursday, May 30 • 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
IRWD Operations Center
3512 Michelson Dr., Irvine

Sign-up required:
IRWD.com/recycledwater

Sign Kids Up for Sea & Sage Camp

Registration is open for Sea & Sage Audubon Society's Summer Nature Day Camps at IRWD's beautiful San Joaquin Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary: **Fledgling Camp** for children ages 7 and 8; **Marsh Birds Camp** for ages 9 to 12; plus **Advanced Bird Camp** and **Birds, Bugs, Blossoms** for 11 and older.



Sea & Sage Audubon Society's Summer Nature Day Camps include arts and crafts.

Each camp features daily nature walks, journaling, research and art projects. Information and enrollment forms are available at SeaAndSageAudubon.org. Register today—spots are limited.

Congratulations, Fix a Leak Winners

Household leaks waste nearly a trillion gallons of water a year nationwide. So we challenged customers to find and fix leaks inside and outside their homes during Fix a Leak Week in March. More than 80 customers took action and participated in our annual Fix a Leak Week contest. Congratulations to **Elizabeth Cipres, Gina Man, Jane DeLorenzo, Wendy Klivans** and **LiHua Gu**, who fixed leaks and then were selected in a random drawing to receive Home Depot gift cards.



Grand prize winner Jane DeLorenzo receives a \$200 Home Depot gift card from water efficiency specialist Joseph Baquerizo.

Ask Juan



Q: We are thinking of replacing low juniper with succulents in front of our house. Do you know of anyone who could design a succulent garden that would look good and stay looking good through the years?

A: Thank you for reaching out for your water efficiency and landscaping needs. Our website has a Local Landscapers & Designers page—RightScapeNow.com/landscape-resources/local-landscapers—where you will find a variety

of contractors who can help with your design. You can also try the Association of Professional Landscape Designers website, apld.org. When evaluating any landscape designer or contractor, ask for references and work samples, especially since you are looking for a specific type of landscape.

By the way, there are nearly unlimited plant options—including succulents and low-growing junipers—to use in your drought-tolerant or California-native landscape. A fun way to choose plants is to do a guided search at RightScapeResources.com/search.php.

Got landscape questions? Email askjuan@irwd.com or ask on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram with [#irwdcommunity](https://www.facebook.com/irwdcommunity). See past answers at RightScapeNow.com/landscape-resources/ask-juan.

Enter Our Where's WaterSense? Contest

May is Sprinkler Spruce-Up Month. Take advantage of rebates on sprinkler nozzles for residential customers and weather-based irrigation controllers for commercial customers. Details are at RightScapeNow.com/rebates.

Look for



Eagle-eyed readers, spot the WaterSense logo elsewhere in this month's *Pipelines* and visit RightScapeNow.com/contest for a chance to win a gift basket full of water efficiency devices. The WaterSense label helps you spot products and services certified to use at least 20% less water, save energy, and perform as well as or better than regular models. Learn more at epa.gov/watersense.

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